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SUBJ: FATA PROGRAM UPDATE JUNE 6, 2008

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¶1. (U) Following is a summary of U.S. Mission Islamabad's activities in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) along its northwest border with Afghanistan as of June 6, 2008.

#### General activities

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¶2. (SBU) The Torkham Border Coordination Center (BCC) is expected by operational by June 17, Pakistan commitment to participation reportedly being held up with the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Participation should be seen as a bellwether of Pakistan inclinations towards cooperation. Construction will begin soon on the Lawara/Tilman BCC (Paktika Province adjacent to North Waziristan) with an estimated completion date of October. Minister of Interior has asked us to explore the concept of a FATA "home guard" force program empowering locals to become more vested in local security in principle consistent with the Iraq "Concerned Local Citizens" model.

#### Peshawar Update

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¶3. (SBU) Principal Officer Peshawar met on May 31 with the Sarhad Rural Support Program staff, a NGO that USAID had set up, to discuss its poverty alleviation strategy for the Northwest Frontier Province. The program is modeled after the Aga Khan rural support program. While the Sharhad Rural Support Program has successfully administered a USD 6 million grant from the GOP, it is unclear whether they could administer a larger grant.

#### Frontier Corps Training Program

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¶4. (SBU) Pakistan has insisted Warsak training not be allowed to proceed until infrastructure has been completed (estimated December 2008). Embassy Islamabad and SOCCENT continue to explore alternative sites for the Frontier Corps "train the trainer" program which will preserve the initiation of the actual Wing Development collective training in late Fall. There are four alternatives being considered: a Pakistan Army Facility, a Pakistan MOI Facility, a Regional Training Facility, and a U.S. facility. Moving the Master Trainer program to the U.S. is preferred, but would be the most difficult because of the length of time necessary to process visas.

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